

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for transferring ownership of an asset, comprising the steps of:

issuing ~~redeemable~~ tokens having pre-defined redemption values to one or more participants over a network, wherein the participants interface with the network using wired or wireless devices, and wherein each issued ~~redeemable~~ token is associated with a participant;

probabilistically selecting at least one ~~redeemable~~ token upon or after ~~redemption~~ the total cumulative value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens reaches a predefined cumulative value; and

~~performing a function related to~~ transferring the ownership right to the asset to a participant who is associated with a the selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
specifying an ~~redemption~~ asset value for the asset that corresponds to the predefined cumulative value.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~redemption~~ asset value for the asset is equal to the predefined cumulative value.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued in response to a participant purchasing the ~~redeemable~~ tokens for a specified price.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued in response to a participant meeting an incentive criterion.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the incentive criterion requires browsing one or more web pages.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
offering the asset for sale over the network by specifying an asset ~~corresponding~~
~~redemption~~ value; and
~~performing a function related to~~ transferring the ownership right to the asset to a buyer
participant who is associated with the ~~probabilistically~~ selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
offering the asset as a promotional item by specifying a corresponding incentive
criterion for the promotional item;
issuing ~~redeemable~~ tokens to participants that meet the incentive criterion; and
~~performing a function related to~~ transferring the ownership right to the promotional
item to a participant who is associated with the probabilistically selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the predefined
cumulative value is at least one of a value reached after a predefined time period or a value
reached after a predefined number of ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued.

10. (currently amended) A method for transferring ownership of an asset to participants over a network comprising the steps of:

offering the asset for sale by specifying an asset redemption value associated with the asset;

issuing ~~redeemable~~ tokens having pre-defined redemption values to one or more buyer participants who purchase the ~~redeemable~~ tokens, wherein each issued ~~redeemable~~ token is associated with a buyer participant, and wherein the participants interface with the network using wired or wireless devices;

probabilistically selecting at least one ~~redeemable~~ token, when the total predefined cumulative redemption value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens reaches the redemption asset value ~~associated with the asset~~; and

~~performing a function related to~~ transferring the ownership right to the asset to a buyer participant who is associated with the selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

11. (currently amended) A method for transferring ownership of an asset to participants over a network comprising the steps of:

offering the asset as a promotional item;

associating the promotional item with an incentive criterion;

issuing ~~redeemable~~ tokens having pre-defined redemption values to one or more participants who meet the incentive criterion, wherein each issued ~~redeemable~~ token is associated with a participant, and wherein the participants interface with the network using wired or wireless devices;

probabilistically selecting at least one ~~redeemable~~ token, when the total cumulative redemption value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens reaches a predefined cumulative value; and

~~performing a function relating to~~ transferring the ownership right to the asset to a

participant who is associated with the selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the incentive criteria requires browsing one or more web pages.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the predefined cumulative value is at least one of a value reached after a predefined time period or a value reached after a predefined number of ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued.

14. (currently amended) A system for transferring ownership of an asset over a network, comprising:

one or more client stations where participants interface with the network using one or more wired or wireless devices;

a server station that issues ~~redeemable~~ tokens having pre-defined redemption values to the participants over the network, wherein each issued ~~redeemable~~ token is associated with a participant;

a processor that probabilistically selects at least one ~~redeemable~~ token upon or after a ~~cumulative redemption~~ the total cumulative value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens reaches a predefined cumulative value, wherein the processor performs a function related to transferring ownership right to the asset to a participant who is associated with the probabilistically selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the ~~redemption~~ value for the asset corresponds to the predefined cumulative value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the ~~redemption~~ value

for the asset is equal to the predefined cumulative value of the issued ~~redeemable~~ tokens.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued in response to a participant purchasing the ~~redeemable~~ tokens for a specified price.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued in response to a participant meeting an incentive criterion.

19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the incentive criterion requires browsing one or more web pages.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the asset is offered for sale over the network by specifying an ~~corresponding redemption~~ asset value; and wherein the ownership right to the asset is transferred from a seller to a buyer participant who is associated with the probabilistically selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the asset is offered as a promotional item by specifying a corresponding incentive criterion for the promotional item, wherein the server station issues ~~redeemable~~ tokens to participants that meet the incentive criterion; and wherein the ownership right to the promotional item is transferred to a participant who is associated with the probabilistically selected ~~redeemable~~ token.

22. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the incentive criterion requires browsing one or more web pages.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the predefined cumulative value is at least one of a value reached after a predefined time period or a value reached after a predefined number of ~~redeemable~~ tokens are issued.